

March 23, 2020

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Chair, Subcommittee on Financial Services
and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Graves
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
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Dear Chairman Quigley and Ranking Member Graves:

As the Subcommittee begins work on the Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations (FSGG), we respectfully request that you include report language to ensure that we continue to provide consistent and timely mail delivery to rural constituents.

Many of our constituents live in rural areas and like us, depend on USPS for proper delivery of their mail, but are less likely to receive that delivery. Residents of some communities in our districts do not receive any mail service at their home. Failure to receive important mail on time can have a severe impact on people's well-being. It is vital that we continue to ensure adequate funding for the agency to maintain the infrastructure and the staffing necessary to appropriately serve this population.

Rural mail delivery is often time-consuming, can often present challenging driving conditions, and requires adequate staffing to cover large delivery areas. Budget cuts particularly target the salaries of the employees that are necessary to perform these duties. We should be making it easier for them to do their jobs—not harder.

We ask for recognition of the many benefits offered by USPS to our rural constituents by including the following language in the FY21 House FSGG Appropriations bill:

The Postal Service shall take into consideration the importance of providing consistent and on-time delivery to all Americans, including those in rural and mountainous areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Joe Neguse
Member of Congress



Scott Tipton
Member of Congress